

## USES PILLOW WORTH RANSOM

Yankee Miner Slips \$2,000,000 in Platinum Past the Russ Perils.

## IS NEEDED BY UNCLE SAM

American Pluck Provides Government With Precious Metal Required for Making Explosives—Express Companies Refuse Job.

San Francisco. — A fortune, for which kings of brookdom would have cheerfully risked their necks, has just been delivered to the government, after having been carried half way around the world like so much junk.

Sheer Yankee pluck turned the trick. It was transported from the Ural mountains, in Russia, to the United States by F. W. Draper, an American mining engineer, who turned 21,000 ounces over to the department of commerce.

The rare metal was carried in boxes, as Draper's luggage—a king's ransom at the mercy of every porter, baggage man and tongshoreman in Russia and Japan.

He did the incredible. "I got it safely through," explained the engineer, "because I did the incredible. No one would believe a man had so little sense as to lug a few million around like that. I have treated those boxes as precious would have meant to lose them—and probably my life as well."

"It was just an interesting bit of practical psychology."

His wife and four-year-old son accompanied him.

On the railroad across Russia, Asia and Siberia, under the nose of the responsible bolsheviks, and past thousands who would have cracked his head for a fraction of that wealth, Draper smuggled the precious dust.

Express companies had refused to take the risk at any premium.

"You'll never get it out of the country," they said. "Not with platinum worth almost its weight in diamonds."

"Well, there it is," he said, kicking some old boxes on the San Francisco pier.

"I've slept and eaten on those boxes for over a month. And when I wasn't sitting on 'em, my wife was. I've become quite accustomed to sleeping on a \$2,000,000 pillow. And I want to say it was decidedly hard on my head."

But while Mrs. Draper and I guarded the shipment carefully, we did it in a casual fashion that didn't attract suspicion.

Wants Softest Bed in Town.

"Say," he added, "do you know where I can find the nicest, softest feather bed in town?"

The 21,000 ounces of platinum, badly needed in the manufacture of explosives and for scientific and surgical purposes, was consigned to the secretary of commerce, who will supervise its distribution.

Draper, whose home is in Boston, has spent the last six years as consulting engineer to a number of the largest Russian mining companies in the Ural mountains.

He has been especially commended by the United States government for his courageous and highly valuable service to the nation.

LOST FOR NINETEEN YEARS

Box of First Aid Material Made for Use in Spanish War Just Turns Up.

Burr Oak, Mich. — After being on the way 19 years, a box was received by Capt. Charles H. Wheeler, son of the late Capt. Charles H. Wheeler, by express by his mother.

Captain Wheeler led a company of volunteers in the Spanish-American war in 1898, and while at Camp Alger, Don Loring, Va., his mother sent him a box weighing 70 pounds, containing first-aid material and medicine.

Before the box arrived the company had moved to Cuba, and as the company moved so rapidly the box never caught up. On his return he tried to trace the box without success.

Last week the box arrived from Philadelphia, being sent by Col. R. H. Rolfe of the Quartermaster corps, it being presumably left aside with other war material and finally brought to light.

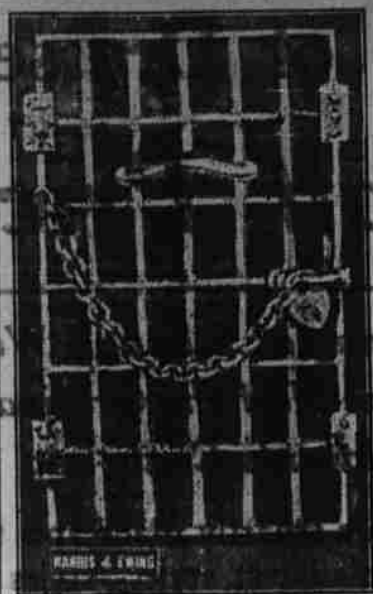
The contents of the box were in good condition, and Captain Wheeler has turned over the box to the Three Rivers camp of the Spanish-American Veterans to be disposed of for the benefit of the Red Cross.

WILD ANIMALS LIVE ON HAY LIVES IN FEAR OF TROUBLE

Large Herds of Game in the Colorado Forests Are Becoming Domesticated.

Ouray, Colo. — The efficient protection given them by the state game commission and the United States forest service in their efforts to preserve the deer, elk, antelope and mountain sheep that roam the Colorado forests has resulted in large herds of the animals becoming domesticated. It is no unusual sight in the towns bordering the Uncompahgre National forest to see many of these wild animals grazing in the village streets or approaching the inviting haystacks of some ranch for a feed.

## AS BADGE OF HONOR



An officer's badge of honor will be worn as a badge of honor by 97 suffragists who have "done time" for picketing the White House. They represent 28 states. The pins are about one by two inches and were presented to the picketers by Mrs. William H. H. of the former Representative Kent of California.

## FOOD CARD FOR DOGS

French Canines Are Likely to Be "Hooverized."

Feeding Has Become Serious Problem—Great Shortage in Gasoline and Tobacco.

Paris. — The dog population of the republic has been living, fighting and suffering with the human population in resisting the German occupation, and is now about to be restricted by "cards" along with the humans.

The latest system to be announced is that, following the demands of the Agricultural Society of Moulins, the government is considering the introduction of a bread card for dogs, a card that will entitle dogs doing useful work for the country to their proportionate share of dog biscuit.

Since the first of the month another discommoding scheme has taken effect. No gasoline can be sold, even for domestic uses, such as lighting, heating or cooking.

The government stated energetic measures had to be taken, in view of the fact that the stocks of gasoline were almost exhausted and it would be dangerous to permit them to become further depleted.

A ruler shock for the entire male population of France, which smoked almost to a man after reaching the age of twelve, came with the publication of the news that there was no more tobacco to be had.

Imported English tobacco are still to be obtained in limited quantities, but the price is prohibitive to the average Frenchman.

The reasons given for the tobacco shortage are the increased consumption by the soldiers in the trenches and the decreased production and importation, due to the lack of bottoms.

A good deal has been said about the establishment of a tobacco card, but the government has suggested that a system of voluntary rationing be first tried out. If this is unsuccessful, nothing will remain but the addition of one more card to the rapidly growing list of rationing cards.

URGES PATRIOTS TO EAT MORE CLAMS

Portland, Ore. — "Eat clams," was the advice of Dr. C. H. Edmondson, assistant professor of zoology at the University of Oregon, to all patriotic Americans who are trying to conserve the nation's meat supply.

He declares the clam is as palatable as the oyster and has a similar food value.

Dr. Edmondson suggests the use of the clam in place of red meats, which the government is striving to conserve.

This suggestion comes as the result of a survey he made recently under the direction of the United States bureau of fisheries.

His object was to discover the edible species of shellfish, to find where they may be obtained in quantities and to perfect a means of co-operating with those engaged in marketing this sea product.

Ohio Man Lies Awake Nights Waiting for His House to Fall

Cleveland. — Anton Buelinski isn't getting much sleep these nights. He lies awake waiting for his house to tumble onto the Erie railroad tracks.

He has sued the road for \$50,000 damages for sleepless nights and depreciation of his property.

Buelinski says the rumbling of the Erie trains has caused his yard to gradually crumble and fall to the valley below.

When he bought the house, stood 100 feet from the edge of the cliff. Now only 25 feet separate the two.

## CORN WILL WIN DEMOCRACY'S WAR

America's Greatest Cereal Crop Is Now Moving to Market.

## MAINSTAY IN NATION'S CRISIS.

Surplus Wheat of the United States Has Been Sent to Famine Threatened Europe.

America's great corn crop, exceeding 3,000,000,000 bushels, will save the world's food situation, officials of the United States food administration believe.

Corn is the nation's best food cereal, housewives are beginning to realize. It contains all the elements needed to keep the body in a state of health and when used according to the scores of tried recipes, especially when combined with an added portion of oil or fat, will sustain life indefinitely.

Indian warriors in colonial days lived on parched corn alone for many days at a time, and at Valley Forge parched corn was at times the sole ration of the Continental soldiers.

Owing to transportation difficulties caused by the war the corn crop moved more slowly to market this year than ever before. Now, however, the cereal is reaching the market and consumers.

In the meantime the nation's surplus wheat has been sent to Europe.

There are approximately 30 bushels of corn for every American. This quantity is greater by five bushels than in former years.

Corn has become the nation's mainstay in the crisis of war.

Just as this cereal saved the first American colonists from famine on many occasions, just as it served as a staple food during the War of the Revolution and during the Civil War, King Corn has again come to the front in the nation's battle with autocracy.

Corn meal is finding greatly increased use in the making of ordinary white bread. Hundreds of housewives and many of the larger bakeries are mixing 20 per cent. corn meal with wheat flour to make leavened bread.

This kind of a mixture is worked and baked in the same recipes and with the same methods that apply to straight wheat bread.

Corn bread—using corn meal entirely—is gaining a greater popularity than ever before. Housewives are coming to realize that every pound of wheat saved in America means a pound of wheat released for shipment to the nations with which America is associated in the war.

There are a score of corn products that today possess unusual importance for Americans. Corn syrup for sweetening corn cakes and back wheat cakes and for use in the kitchen instead of granulated sugar is one of the leading products made from corn.

Corn oil, excellent for frying and for every other purpose fitted by salad oils, is appearing on the market in large quantities. It comes from the germ of the corn.

MADE-IN-GERMANY LIES CIRCULATED IN CANADA

Canada is also having trouble with "made-in-Germany" lies circulated in Canada. Under Canadian food regulations according to an official statement received from the Canadian food controller, the United States food administration.

The stories bothering Canada are of the same general character as those the United States food administrator recently denounced in this country, such as the ridiculous salt and bluing-tamale fakes, and the report that the government would seize housewives' stocks of home canned goods.

The Canadian food controller estimates that when the people listen to and pass on such stories, they only have the power of destruction that lies in a battalion of soldiers.

"Without even a vestige of foundation have been scattered broadcast," said the Canadian statement. "Nor have they come to life casually. They have started simultaneously in different parts of the country and in each instance have been calculated to arouse public indignation."

"They are insidious, subtle, persistent. Blatant lies, they dissipate public trust, the great essential in the work of food control."

"It lies with every individual to forbear from criticism; to refrain from passing on the vagrant and harmful story, and thus the more effectively to cooperate in work which is going to mean more than the majority of people yet realize."

THE UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION SAYS:

There is no royal road to food conservation. We can only accomplish this by the voluntary action of our whole people, each element in proportion to its means.

It is a matter of equity of burden; a matter of minute saving and substitution at every point in the 20,000,000 kitchens, on the 20,000,000 dinner tables, and in the 2,000,000 manufacturing, wholesale and retail establishments of the country.

## HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

### A Model Home.

We often wonder why there are no more homes that can safely be spoken of as models. It would seem as if those who pass their lives in the country—whose daily occupation brings them in constant contact with the varied beauty of field, and forest, mountains, and plain—who are constant witnesses of Nature's great mysteries—would, of necessity, be filled with noble thoughts, that their eyes would gather continual delight from the beauties about them, and their whole lives shape themselves in grander forms as a natural result of their surroundings. Yet it is undeniably true that in gathering up riches for the future—which all they may never behold—they forget the claims of the present, and allow their souls to grow less instead of greater. So it comes to pass that the children going out of these houses and finding themselves, as they often may, in refined and polite society for a time, become dissatisfied with home, and seek a life that shall give them the advantages which they suppose they cannot obtain in the country. Is it not folly to be so intent upon the things which perish with the wind as to forget higher aims? Is it not an evil when parents allow themselves to be so absorbed by cares that they neglect to instruct their children in the proprieties of every day life, to say nothing of the small sweet contentment, the little acts so fruitful of good? A brief notice of a Model Home points out the effects of a better way.

Female Labor in The Fields.

Peter Radford, lecturer for the National Farmers' Union, declares that there are now working in the fields in the United States more than a million and a half women. This is a most astonishing declaration. There were only 100,000 women working in the fields in the South when President Lincoln issued the emancipation proclamation. If Mr. Radford is correct in his statement, and he claims to have as his authority the United States census, his protest is certainly a righteous one. He demands that Congress make no investigation. Among other things he says:

There is no overcast quite so cruel as that which hangs over the heads of those who are working in the fields. The president of the United States was recently lauded by the press, and very properly so, for suggesting mediation between the engineers and railroad managers in adjusting their schedules of time and pay. The engineers threatened to strike if their wages were not increased from approximately ten to eleven dollars per day and service reduced from ten to eight hours and a similar readjustment of the overtime schedule. Our women are working in the fields, most of them, for more, for less than 15 cents per day, and their schedule is the same as the men's, and over they must go to work in the heat and rock the baby to sleep. Is anyone mediating over their problems and to whom shall they threaten to strike?

The women behind the counter and in the factory cry aloud for sympathy and the press thunders out in their defense, and the pulp magazines in their will not these powerful exponents of human rights turn their talent, energies and influence to her relief? Will the Goddess of Liberty enthroned at Washington hold the calloused hand and soothe the fevered brow of her sex who rows and reaps the nation's harvest, or will she permit the male of the species to shove women weak and weary—from the bread-line of industry to the back alleys of poverty?

The Teaching of Children.

What should children be taught to believe in order that, when they grow up they may find that later experience does not alter what they learned when younger? We must teach them that beyond what they feel and find and touch, there is something better and greater which they can neither feel nor see, but which is the foundation of all that is noble and good in the world. It is in truth that goodness and kindness have no faces that we can kiss, no hands that we can clasp; but these are certainly true in the midst of our work and our play. And this goodness and kindness which, except in outward acts, we cannot see, is something which, existed before we were born. It is from this that we have all the pleasant things of this world, the flowers the sunshine, the moonlight—all these which give us by some great kindness which we have never seen, light, and this goodness and love are that great power from whom all activity flows to the universe.

MONEY IN EGGS.

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